



Public Health Management of Persons with Potential COVID-19 Exposure (Travel-associated or Community Setting)

Classification by Risk

High Risk

- Living in same household as, being an intimate partner of, or providing care in a non-healthcare setting
 for a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection without using recommended
 precautions for home care and isolation See table for healthcare provider-specific information
- Travel from Hubei Province, China

Medium Risk

- Close contact with a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection, and not having any exposers that meet a high-risk definition.
 - Applies for close contact with a person diagnosed clinically with COVID-19 infection outside the
 United States who did not have laboratory testing
 - o On an aircraft, being seated within 6 feet (2 meters) of a traveler with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infections; this is approximately with 2 seats in each direction
 - See table for healthcare provider-specific information
- Living in the same household as, being an intimate partner of, or caring for a person in a non-healthcare setting to a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection while consistently using recommended precautions for home care and isolation
- Travel from areas under CDC Travel Warning Level 3 or Alert Level 2 AND not having any exposures that meet a high-risk definition
- Cruise ship travel

Low Risk

- Being in the same indoor environment as a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection for a prolonged period of time (> 10 minutes) but not meeting the definition of close contact
 See table for healthcare provider-specific information
- On an aircraft, being seated within 2 rows of a traveler with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection but not within 6 feet (2 meters) AND not having any exposures that meet a medium- or high-risk definition

No Identifiable Risk





Interactions with a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection that do not
meet any of the high-, medium-, or low-risk conditions above, such as walking by the person or briefly
being in the same room

Exposure Risk Management

Those with confirmed COVID-19 infection should remain in isolation and restricted movement as determined by clinical status until they are determined to no longer be infectious.

- Symptoms subside
- Two negative COVID-19 tests 24 hours apart

Isolation may be:

- At home or in a healthcare facility
- Isolation may be voluntary or by public health order
- Local or long-distance travel permitted only by medical transport or private vehicle

Symptomatic people who meet the definition of a person under investigation (PUI) should be evaluated by healthcare providers in conjunction with public health personnel

- PUIs awaiting laboratory testing results will remain in isolation until test results are known
- PUIs for whom initial rRT-PCR test is negative may have isolation and travel restrictions removed

Management of PUIs who are not tested should be made on a case-by-case basis, using epidemiological and clinical information, in conjunction with CDC guidance

Epidemiologic Risk		Clinic Features
	AND	
Close contact** with a person that has		Fever* OR symptoms of lower respiratory
laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 and developed		illness (cough or shortness of breath)
symptoms within 14 days of contact		
History of travel within 14 days of symptom onset [¥]	AND	Fever with severe acute lower respiratory illness (i.ie. pneumonia, ARDS) and without alternative explanatory diagnosis (i.e.)
No source of exposure has been identified		influenza [§]

^{*}Fever must be measured; CANNOT be subjective

^{**} Being within 6 feet for a prolonged period (10 minutes or longer) or having direct contact with infectious secretions of a case

[§]Recommended other respiratory tests are performed based on symptoms (i.e.) rapid influenza, rapid strep, respiratory viral panel) and if positive laboratory results, COVID-19 testing will not be conducted *History of travel includes travel outside of the US to countries with travel advisories, and states with cases of COVID-19, attendance at mass gatherings (i.e.) conferences cruises, concerts, etc.





	Symptomatic Persons with Exposure to COVID-19			
Risk Category	Movement Restrictions	Medical Evaluation & Public Health	Travel	
	& Activities	Monitoring		
		Medical evaluation recommended;	Controlled; air travel only via air	
		diagnostic testing guided by PUI	medical transport. Local travel is only	
		definition	allowed by medical transport or private	
High Risk	Immediate Isolation		vehicle while symptomatic person is	
		If medical evaluation is needed, it	wearing a facemask	
		should occur with pre-notification to the healthcare facility and EMS (if EMS is		
		needed), with all infection control		
		measures in place		
		Medical evaluation and care should be	Controlled; air travel only via air	
		guided by clinical presentation	medical transport. Local travel is only	
		diagnostic testing guided by PUI	allowed by medical transport or private	
Medium Risk	Immediate isolation	definition	vehicle while symptomatic person is wearing a facemask	
		If medical evaluation is needed, it	· ·	
		should occur with pre-notification to the		
		healthcare facility and EMS (if EMS is		
		needed), with all infection control		
		measures in place		
	Avoid contact with others	Seek medical advice to determine if	Recommendation to not travel on long-	
Low Risk	and public activities while	further evaluation is needed	distance commercial conveyances or	
	symptomatic	Medical evaluation and care should be	public transportation	
		guided by clinical presentation		
		diagnostic testing guided by PUI		
		definition		
No Identifiable Risk	No restrictions	Routine medical care	No restrictions	





Asymptomatic Persons with Exposure to COVID-19				
Risk Category	Definition	Movement	Medical Evaluation & Public	Travel
		Restrictions &	Health Monitoring	
		Activities		
High Risk	Living in the same household as, being an intimate partner of or providing care in a non-healthcare setting for symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 case (or clinically diagnosed case outside the US	Remain in quarantine for 14 days from exposure	Self-monitoring with public health supervision, with contact made once daily for 14 days RCHD will make initial contact on day of notification of exposure	Air travel only allowed via medical transport Local travel only allowed via medical transport or private vehicle while
	Travel from Hubei Province, China			
Medium Risk	Close contact with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 case (or clinically diagnosed case and not having exposure that meets high-risk definition On an aircraft, being seated within 6 feet (~ 2 seats) of a traveler with symptomatic laboratory—confirmed COVID-19 Travel from any country with a CDC Level 2 or higher travel advisory and not having any exposure that meets the high-risk definition	Remain in quarantine for 14 days from exposure Avoid congregate settings, limit public activities, and practice social distancing	Self-monitoring with public health supervision, with contact made once daily for 14 days RCHD will make initial contact on day of notification of exposure, and provide instructions on monitoring requirements/guidelines	Postpone long-distance travel





Medium Risk	Travel to a state within the United States with confirmed community transmission and not having any exposure described in the high risk category Travel to Eagle, Summit, Pitkin and Gunnison counties in Colorado in the past week (starting 15 March) Travel on a cruise ship to any destination	Remain in quarantine for 14 days from exposure Avoid congregate settings, limit public activities, and practice social distancing	Self-monitoring with public health supervision, with contact made once daily for 14 days RCHD will make initial contact on day of notification of exposure, and provide instructions on monitoring requirements/guidelines	Postpone long-distance travel
Low Risk	Being in the same indoor environment as a symptomatic laboratory-confirmed case but not meeting definition of close contact On an aircraft, being seated within 6 feet (~ 2 seats) of a traveler with symptomatic laboratory—confirmed COVID-19 Travel from any other country	No Restrictions if remain asymptomatic	Self-monitoring for 14 days since exposure Public Health will make initial contact and provide information regarding self-monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19 infection	No Restrictions if remain asymptomatic
No Identifiable Risk	Interactions with a person within symptomatic laboratory-confirmed illness that do not meet any of the criteria of the other risk categories	No restrictions	No monitoring	No restrictions





	Asymptomatic Healthcare Workers with Exposure to COVID-19				
Risk Category	Definition	Movement Restrictions & Activities	Medical Evaluation & Public Health Monitoring	Travel	
High Risk	Healthcare provider had close contact with patient that was not wearing a facemask AND HCP was not wearing any recommended PPE HCP close contact with patient that was not wearing a facemask AND HCP was wearing some PPE, but not a facemask or respirator	Remain in quarantine for 14 days from exposure	Self-monitoring with public health supervision, with contact made once daily for 14 days RCHD will make initial contact on day of notification of exposure	Air travel only allowed via medical transport Local travel only allowed via medical transport or private vehicle while	
Medium Risk	Healthcare provider had close contact with patient that was not wearing a facemask AND HCP was wearing some PPE but not eye protection HCP close contact with patient that was wearing facemask AND HCP not wearing any PPE HCP close contact with patient that was wearing facemask AND HCP wearing PPE but not a facemask or respirator	Remain in quarantine for 14 days from exposure Avoid congregate settings, limit public activities, and practice social distancing	Self-monitoring with public health supervision, with contact made once daily for 14 days RCHD will make initial contact on day of notification of exposure	Postpone long-distance travel	





Healthcare provider had close contact with a patient that was not wearing a facemask AND the HCP was wearing some PPE, but not gown or gloves HCP close contact with patient that was not wearing a facemask AND the HCP was wearing all recommended PPE, facemask instead of respirator Low Risk HCP close contact with patient that was wearing a facemask AND HCP wearing some PPE but not eye protection, or gown, or gloves HCP close contact with patient that was wearing a facemask AND the HCP was wearing all recommended PPE, but facemask instead of respirator HCP adherence to all recommended infection control practices including all recommended PPE	No Restrictions if remain asymptomatic	Self-monitoring for 14 days since exposure Public Health will make initial contact and provide information regarding self-monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19 infection Facility occupational health/IC will coordinate monitoring with RCHD	No Restrictions if remain asymptomatic
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Close contact for healthcare exposure is defined as:

- Being within 6 feet (2 meters) of a person with COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time (> 10 minutes)
- Having unprotected direct contact with infectious secretions or excretions of the patient